



*Bradley County Commission*  
**Johnny Mull, Chairman**  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
October 22, 2018, at 7:00p.m.  
Bradley County Schools Central Office

Members present: Louie Alford, Milan Blake, Thomas Crye, Erica Davis, Dennis Epperson, Bobby Goins, Mike Hughes, Tim Mason, Chairman Johnny Mull, Charlotte Peak, Kevin Raper, Howard Thompson, Bill Winters, and Ex Officio non voting member D. Gary Davis

Members absent: Vice Chairman Jeff Yarber

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Chairman Johnny Mull called the meeting to order.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Kevin Raper, Cleveland Net representative Steven Ferreira prayed the invocation.

**REPORT FROM COUNTY MAYOR**

County Mayor D. Gary Davis recognized Veterans Services Director Larry McDaris. McDaris thanked the Mayor and the Commission for support of the office and the state Veterans Home during his term of service beginning May 2007 and concluding on October 26, 2018. McDaris introduced Brian Heusterberg as his successor and introduced new Veterans Services Officer Donna Nation.

Mayor Davis announced a letter of agreement with Tennova establishing a lower rate of service for inmates of the Bradley County Sheriff's Department. The agreement will take effect November 1, 2018.

**REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND/OR DISTRICTS**

**7<sup>th</sup> District**

Commissioner Bill Winters announced the Juvenile Committee will meet at 11:30a.m. on Friday, October 26, at the Juvenile Center.

Winters thanked McDaris for his professional service to the county and for assisting his family members.

Commissioner Kevin Raper had no report.

**6<sup>th</sup> District**

Commissioner Erica Davis reported the ad hoc committee tasked with exploring the feasibility of Bradley County applying for Broadband Ready Community designation and to recommend policies and procedures for permitting the projects recently met and voted unanimously to recommend approving the broadband ready community resolution as presented and the attached policy. Davis placed the resolution and the attached policy on the November 5, 2018, voting session agenda.

Davis requested Commission input on how to combat illegal dumping, which is a serious issue in the 6<sup>th</sup> district, including full support of the Sheriff's Department to enforce the dumping laws and to consider establishing a County/City coalition to endeavor to combat the issue in our community as a whole. Commissioner Mike Hughes suggested the Commission draft a letter to the City of Cleveland requesting the City consider spot audits on tire centers to verify where the tires are disposed.

Commissioner Tim Mason reported the Sheriff's litter crew collected 3,160 pounds of trash.

Mason placed on the November 5, 2018, voting session agenda a resolution recommended by the Insurance Committee authorizing the Mayor to continue coverage with Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company to provide health insurance benefits for Bradley County employees offering three (3) options to employees at an initial county cost of five hundred eighty-eight dollars and ninety nine cents (\$588.99) per month for each employee enrolled.

5<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Bobby Goins had no report.

4<sup>th</sup> District

Commissioner Howard Thompson thanked McDaris for his service to the county.

Commissioner Charlotte Peak asked Chairman Mull to report on the discussion of the Senior Center at the most recent City Council meeting. Chairman Mull reported the city committed to providing a response in writing to the Commission by the November 5, voting session agreeing to pay one half of the utility bill resulting from a Cleveland Utilities audit of service. Mull noted the city maintains a policy of not waiving sewer tap fees. Peak placed on the November 5, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to request annexation of the Urbane Road parcel, pending a letter from the city, with the county share of the utility service bill resulting from the Cleveland Utilities audit to be paid from 101-51100-599.

3<sup>rd</sup> District

Commissioner Blake thanked Mayor Davis for securing an agreement with Tennova to lower inmate medical costs.

Blake thanked McDaris for his service to the county.

Chairman Mull reported the Law Enforcement Committee met and voted to refer to Finance Committee replacing the control board and updating the camera system at a cost of \$362,745.

2<sup>nd</sup> District

Commissioner Thomas Crye thanked McDaris for his service to the county.

Crye invited Commissioners to tour the new Lake Forest Middle School academic building on November 16 at 10:30a.m. with lunch served at 11:30a.m.

Commissioner Louie Alford thanked Commissioner Mason for assistance with an issue in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District.

1<sup>st</sup> District

Commissioner Mike Hughes thanked McDaris for his service to the county.

Commissioner Dennis Epperson thanked McDaris for his service to the county.

Epperson announced a community meeting on October 27 2018, at 6p.m. at the McDonald Ruritan building.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Peak referred to the ad hoc committee on Commission rules of procedure the proposed Commission meeting calendar.

Peak placed on the November 5, 2018, voting session agenda a motion to cancel the November 19, 2018, voting session.

Peak announced Building and Land Committee will meet at 10:15a.m. on November 13, 2018, at the Bradley County Schools Central Office.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was no communication from the audience.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting – Voting Session, November 5, at 7:00p.m., Central Office

No meeting – October 29, 2018

Block Party – October 31, downtown

Finance Committee – November 5, 11:30a.m., Mayor's conference room

Lake Forest Middle School tour and lunch – November 16, 10:30a.m.

Community meeting – October 27, 6:00p.m., McDonald Ruritan building

Building and Land – November 13, 10:15a.m., Central Office

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.